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HONORING RABBI ALVIN
WAINHAUS ON THE CELEBRA-
TION OF HIS 40TH ANNIVERSARY
AT CONGREGATION OR SHALOM

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Ms. DeLAURO. Madam Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise today to join Congregation Or Shalom, located in Orange, Connecticut in paying tribute to their outstanding leader, Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus as he marks his 40th Anniversary with the synagogue. Indeed, he has been the Temple's only rabbi since it opened its doors in 1981.

The son of Holocaust survivors, Rabbi Wainhaus was raised in Boro Park, Brooklyn and attended Brooklyn College, where he received a degree in philosophy, as well as New York University, where he earned a master's degree in education, before he was ordained at Yeshiva Beth Meir in Tel Aviv, Israel some five decades ago. He served several synagogues before coming to Congregation Or Shalom where he has led the conservative synagogue with integrity, wisdom, and compassion for the last forty years. In that time, Rabbi Wainhaus has officiated two hundred weddings, named as many babies, and presided over more than five hundred Bar and Bat Mitzvahs. Through his dedicated leadership, both within the synagogue and the community at large, he has touched the lives of many.

Rabbi Wainhaus is also known as a professional musician, having performed and made numerous recordings with the late Hebrew folk singer Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach as well as most recently recording a disc to accompany a text of Biblical Hebrew, published by Yale University Press. Rabbi Wainhaus frequently incorporates his inspirational and traditional music into his sermons and services. He is also fluent in Yiddish and is a noted lecturer on Yiddish humor.

With his own background in education, Rabbi Wainhaus has focused much of his energy on the teaching of Jewish tradition and faith, particularly with children. He guides the synagogue's educational program for all ages. His door is always open to those of the Jewish faith and to the entire community—to those who wish to learn. For the past sixteen years he led the Kristallnacht Program which is open community-wide and recognizes unsung heroes of the Holocaust.

Through his spiritual leadership, as well as his love for music and teaching, Rabbi Alvin Wainhaus has left an indelible mark on our community. His infinite compassion and commitment to service inspires others to make a difference—a gift that has and continues to make the Greater New Haven community a better place to live, learn, and grow. I am so pleased to have the opportunity to extend my deepest thanks to him for all of his good work and to join Congregation Or Shalom in congratulating him on his 40th Anniversary. Rabbi—Todah Rabah and Mazel Tov.

RECOGNIZING THE FOURTEENTH
ANNUAL FAMILY CHRISTMAS
EXTRAVAGANZA

HON. BILL POSEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. POSEY. Madam Speaker, on Saturday, December 17, 2022, Brevard County families, businesses and local community organizations will gather to celebrate the Fourteenth Annual Family Christmas Extravaganza. This wonderful event, which will take place at Fred Poppe Regional Park in Palm Bay, FL, will provide an uplifting message of hope and future during this Christmas season.

The House Church, Elevation Church, Eastwind Pentecostal Church, Victory in Christ Jesus, Centerpointe Church, Grace Bible Church, Jornada al Cielo, Church on the Rock, River of Life Christian Center, Brevard Worship Center, and Hope Ministries of Florida, Wings of Grace Ministries, CITA Rescue Mission, and ANEW International have all united to bring the Annual Family Christmas Extravaganza to our City and County.

Working with several community and business partners such as the City of Palm Bay Parks & Recreation, Thrifty Specialty Produce, Chick-Fil-A, Fruits of my Labor, Gator Automotive, Florida Blue, Frog Bones-Family Shooting Center, Travel Camp, Al Dia Today Newspaper, Hometown News, and Premiere Oaks 10 Cinema, the mission is to provide a positive venue for residents and children to celebrate Christmas, serve others and give back to their community.

Over 60 local businesses and organizations have made donations of Toys, food, gift certificates, equipment, finances, and goodie bags, and will feature Musicians and Artist such as Unified Sound with Joel Lopez, Peabod, KD3, Boanski, Eddie Anthony as Eddie Frost and much more.

Senior Pastor Ken Delgado of The House at Palm Bay said: "With today's news being filled with division, contention, and expressions of hatred, it is exciting to see the City of Palm Bay, along with the city's businesses and the citizens, create an event where love, joy and peace are expressed. The Family Christmas Extravaganza is the greatest expression that so many people yearn for and is what the angels proclaimed at the birth of Jesus, saying 'Peace and good will towards all men'."

The Mayor of the City of Palm Bay, Rob Medina, issued a proclamation in support for this year's celebration, recognizing the Extravaganza has become the largest Christmas party on the Space Coast and December 17, 2022, as Family Christmas Extravaganza Day.

The spirit of the holidays is all about giving and spending time with loved ones. This year's Extravaganza brings our community together to remind us of that. I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting all those who are doing their part to spread the Christmas spirit this holiday season and those who have worked so hard to make the Fourteenth Annual Family Christmas Extravaganza possible.

RECOGNIZING DISTRICT 4 COMMIS-
SIONER SALLY HEYMAN FOR AN
EXTRAORDINARY CAREER IN
PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. CARLOS A. GIMENEZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. GIMENEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Commissioner Sally A. Heyman for an outstanding career in public service. For over 35 years, Commissioner Heyman has faithfully served Miami-Dade County residents in a variety of capacities. Since her election to the County Board of Commissioners in September 2002, her selflessness and dedication to District 4 residents has been unparalleled.

Commissioner Heyman developed a passion for public service at an early age, encouraged by her parents to work with local charities and civic institutions. After teaching in the public school system and getting her Juris Doctorate degree from the University of Miami, Commissioner Heyman was elected to the Florida Legislature in 1994. As a state representative, she co-sponsored ordinances to address juvenile justice issues and support environmental protection efforts. Her conviction that every human being should be treated with dignity and respect led her to fight to eliminate the stigma of mental health illnesses. And as a breast cancer survivor herself, Commissioner Heyman advocates yearly for breast cancer awareness and education.

During her tenure on the Miami-Dade Board of County Commissioners, Commissioner Heyman worked relentlessly for her constituents, advocating especially for reliable public transportation systems and affordable housing. One notable accomplishment was the development of Aventura station, a Brightline commuter stop which will relieve traffic and provide residents with an easy means of transportation. The station is expected to open this December.

Miami-Dade County is a better place because of Commissioner Heyman. I was lucky enough to work with her at the county level and personally witness her tenacity and dedication. I wish Commissioner Heyman all the very best as she retires from the Board of Commissioners.

WORLD AIDS DAY DECEMBER 1,
2022

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, I want to thank you all for being here today at the NMAC Capitol Hill Champions Reception to commemorate World AIDS Day and celebrate our progress over the years.

It is invigorating to be among a room full of leaders fighting the good fight against AIDS worldwide; and as so many here have contributed mightily to this effort, it is an honor, and quite humbling, to be this year's recipient of the John Lewis Good Trouble Award from NMAC.

I first want us to remember our dear friend and long-time colleague, Congressman John

Lewis. He was a true warrior fighting for a more just, equitable, fairer, and better world.

John Lewis earnestly believed that healthcare is a human right. Through his indefatigable leadership, he demonstrated the urgency of elevating the U.S. commitment to protect people worldwide from HIV and AIDS. He was a role model in so many respects, including his persistence in combating AIDS globally.

World AIDS Day provides us the opportunity to reflect on the AIDS epidemic and where progress has been made. This day also allows us to rededicate ourselves to eradicating the disease once and for all.

Since the first World AIDS Day in 1988, we have greatly increased our investments in HIV/AIDS prevention, care, treatment, and research.

When the HIV/AIDS epidemic started, the outlook was very grim. There wasn't an understanding of the disease, antivirals were not available, and life expectancy for those diagnosed was frighteningly short.

Today, there is a better understanding of HIV/AIDS, how it spreads, and how to treat it.

There are medications such as PrEP, which is taken daily to prevent HIV, and PEP, which is taken up to 72 hours potential HIV exposure.

Treatment has advanced tremendously to the point where many HIV patients have viral loads that are so low that they are undetectable.

The U.S. government has worked hard to combat the spread of this devastating disease.

Through legislation like the Ryan White CARE Act and the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), we have been able to improve HIV/AIDS education, quality of care, and distribution of resources to those who need them most, both domestically and globally.

The NIH provides the largest public investment in HIV/AIDS research globally. Dr. Anthony Fauci deserves credit for a large part of our country's AIDS response as Director of the Office of AIDS Research.

As we all know, racial and ethnic minorities are disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS, both in the United States and globally.

In the U.S., African Americans account for higher proportions of HIV diagnoses and people living with HIV, in comparison to other races and ethnicities.

In my home of Houston, Texas, 6 out of every 10 diagnosed HIV infections are among African Americans. It is estimated that 1 in 90 Houstonians are living with HIV/AIDS.

Racism, HIV stigma, homophobia, poverty, and barriers to health care exacerbate disparities and pose obstacles that prevent people from proper testing and treatment that would reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS.

I am proud to fight against racism, discrimination, and other societal deformities that cause disparities in health status and keep people from seeking urgently needed health care.

I have worked to declare HIV/AIDS a state of emergency among our African American community, which faces an infection rate nearly eleven times that of white Americans.

Internationally, I have worked to support PEPFAR in all they have done and continue to do to help those who struggle to combat the brutal HIV/AIDS virus.

It is estimated that there are 38.4 million people worldwide living with HIV.

In 2021, 1.5 million individuals acquired HIV, which is a 32 percent decline in new infections since 2010. This decline shows the impact that access to testing, treatment, care, and support services have on transmission and new diagnosis.

In 2021, around 650,000 people died from AIDS-related illnesses worldwide, compared to 2 million people in 2004 and 1.4 million in 2010.

Through the work of the CDC, the NIH, and the UN's World Health Organization, we have made great strides in reducing the transmission of HIV through antiretroviral therapies (ART) that reduce detectable viral loads. Those who take ART as prescribed are often able to have undetectable viral loads, live long healthy lives, and not transmit HIV to partners through sex.

In fiscal year 2021, PEPFAR provided HIV testing services for more than 50 million people and supported ART for nearly 19 million men, women and children globally. Because of PEPFAR, 2.8 million babies in 2021 were born HIV-free to parents living with HIV.

But there is still much work to be done.

The United Nations reports that progress on HIV treatment and prevention in the last three years has flatlined.

As a leader in the global fight against HIV and AIDS, the United States must continue to support HIV/AIDS prevention, care, treatment, and research.

My hope is that, through bipartisan support, Congress will continue to pass legislation that expands resources to reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS both in the U.S. and globally.

Beyond our borders, our efforts have extended care to millions in the developing world, through increased resources for PEPFAR and the Global Fund. This collective progress reflects the heights that can be reached when all stakeholders work together to achieve common goals.

I look forward to working with my colleagues, federal agencies, foundations and philanthropists, the NGO sector, community partners, and other global leaders to put an end to this epidemic that continues to plague us.

I want to thank everyone here today for supporting this extremely important issue. This is something that impacts us all and it should be a priority for all of us.

And again, I want to thank NMAC for awarding me with this year's John Lewis Good Trouble Award. I will do my best to continually earn this award by persistently supporting efforts to eradicate HIV/AIDS and advocating for minorities in Houston, the United States, and across the globe.

May we all "never, ever be afraid to make some noise and get in good trouble, necessary trouble".

HONORING ART HAINS, THE VOICE OF THE MISSOURI STATE BEARS FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. BILLY LONG

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. LONG. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the long-time voice of the Missouri State Bears, Art Hains.

Art grew up in Marshall, MO, working at the local radio station KMMO while still in high school. He went on to graduate from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, TX, studying broadcast journalism and working in the SMU sports information office from 1973 to 1976. After graduation he moved to Springfield, MO, working as the sports director and serving as the voice of the Southwest Missouri State Bears football and basketball teams for KGBX until 1981. He moved back to Dallas working for KRLD and hosting a daily sports show while also providing pre- and post-game coverage of the Dallas Cowboys. He also called SMU basketball games and was a studio host for the Southwest Conference Football Radio Network from 1982 to 1984.

He returned to Springfield in 1985 and was again the voice of the Southwest Missouri State Bears football, basketball, and baseball teams as well as the coordinator of athletic promotions at Southwest Missouri State University. He has continued to be the voice of the Bears ever since, even after the university changed its name to Missouri State University in 2005. He has hosted Sports Talk since 1995, originally on KWTO in Springfield before he switched to KBFL in 2020. In 2008, he started as the studio host for the Kansas City Chiefs and was a part of their 2020 Super Bowl win. He was inducted into the Springfield Area Sports Hall of Fame in 2003, and the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in 2017.

Apart from his on-air work, Art has been active in the Springfield community. He is an ordained elder at First and Calvary Presbyterian Church in Springfield, serves on the boards for Springfield Little Theater and the Springfield Area Sports Hall of Fame. He is also an active member of the Southeast Rotary Club and is a Paul Harris Fellow, the Free Masons and Shriners. He previously served on the board of the Dickerson Park Zoo in Springfield and still volunteers his time at Care Animal Shelter.

Madam Speaker, since moving to Springfield Art Hains has been actively involved in the local community and has been known for nearly four decades as the voice of the Missouri State Bears. His lifetime of work and service to the community is commendable.

IN MEMORY OF LUCIUS
HOLLOWAY, SR.

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, December 1, 2022

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Madam Speaker, it is with a heavy heart and solemn remembrance that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a loving husband, dedicated father, distinguished Army Veteran, determined Civil Rights Advocate, faithful public servant, a benevolent man of God and my friend of longstanding, Deacon Lucius Holloway, Sr. Sadly, Deacon Holloway transitioned from labor to reward on Thursday, November 24, 2022. His life will be celebrated on Saturday, December 3, 2022, at Cooper Carver Elementary School in Dawson, Georgia.

The remarkable journey of Deacon Lucius Holloway, Sr. began on April 1, 1932, as he was born to the union of Mr. Bobby Holloway, Sr. and Mrs. Mary Louise Thornton Holloway in Dawson, Georgia.